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SENATE BILL

No. 1127

Introduced by Senator Chesbro (Coauthor: Assembly Member Berg)

January 9, 2006

An act to amend Section 26802.5 of the Government Code, relating to counties.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1127, as amended, Chesbro. County government.

Under existing law, the duties pertaining to elections are performed by the county elections official. However, in specified counties, the board of supervisors is authorized to appoint a registrar of voters to discharge all duties vested by law in the county clerk that relate to, and are part of, the election procedure.

This bill would extend this appointment authority to the County of Napa.

This bill would require the Controller to reimburse the County of Del Norte \$280,000 for money not received in 2005 from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: <u>yes no.</u> State-mandated local program: no.

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The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 26802.5 of the Government Code is 2 amended to read:

26802.5. In the Counties of El Dorado, Kings, Lake, Marin, Merced, Monterey, Napa, Riverside, San Joaquin, Solano, and Tulare, a registrar of voters may be appointed by the board of supervisors in the same manner as other county officers are appointed. In those counties, the county clerk is not ex officio registrar of voters, and the registrar of voters shall discharge all duties vested by law in the county elections official that relate to and are a part of the election procedure.

SEC. 2. The Controller shall reimburse Del Norte County the sum of two hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$280,000) for money it did not receive in 2005 from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund which was withheld pending settlement of a dispute concerning the report of the number of gambling machines in the possession of the Smith River Rancheria in Del Norte County. The Legislature finds and declares that dispute has now been resolved by the California Gambling Control Commission.

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20 SEC. 2. 21 Due to the unique circumstances of the County of 22 Napa with respect to the registrar of voters, and of the County of 23 Del Norte with respect to its settlement regarding gambling machines, the Legislature hereby finds and declares that a 24 general statute cannot be made applicable within the meaning of 25 26 Section 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution. 27 Therefore, the special legislation contained in Sections 1 and 2 28 Section 1 of this act is necessarily applicable only to the Counties 29 of Napa and Del Norte, respectively County of Napa.